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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are in the files of the parent cases.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

## REMARKS

It is thus requested that the foregoing materials be considered during the examination of the accompanying application and be specifically made of record therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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